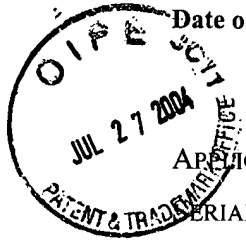


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time to respond to the final Office Action mailed January 27, 2004 in the above-identified application. With the extension, this Response is due on or before July 27, 2004. A check in the amount of \$420.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) less the \$55.00 previously paid for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 23135-501. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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